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Cliffhanger by JENNY | GOLDSMITH

CCORDING TO SEVERAL GEOLOGICAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES, the cliffs beneath Del Playa Drive in Isla Vista have been eroding at a steady pace of 15 inches per year due to natural and man-made causes. It was not until this past year that eviction threats were actually enforced, leaving nearly 150 UC Santa Barbara students homeless. On August 27, 2004, Santa Barbara County officials posted eviction notices to nine houses on the 6600 and 6700 blocks of DP, claiming that the residences were unsafe for habitation.

Andrew Meyer, a third year biopsychology major, was secure and settled in at his 6757 Del Playa home with a beautiful ocean view. He was shocked to receive an

The damn thing better fall in the ocean.

eviction notice on August 27th and expressed aggravation at having to move. "The damn thing better fall in the ocean," he growled. Although Meyer agreed the erosion was noticeable, he felt residents deserved more time. Only one week into the new school year and Meyer was scrambling to find a place to live rather than focusing on his new classes. Meyer's management company, Vista Del Mar, reluctantly returned his full deposit and cut the rent in half for the month he spent looking for a new home.

Although fourth year business economics major, **Kevin Borrella**, could not deny that his balcony was "hanging off a little bit," he found the evictions controversial. There was a lot of "hypocrisy" in the court cases, he believed, "It was all up to Mike Zimmer [the County Building Official] and it was a judgement call. What one person saw safe, another saw dangerous. It's bullshit." Landlord **James Gelb** was confident in taking the notice to court armed with reports from a panel of private engineers, geologists, and architects that deemed the house safe. Despite Gelb's hope and optimism, Borrella and his roommates were nevertheless forced to evacuate their 6741 DP residence they had worked so hard to get.

In the end, college friends were sadly separated, landlords and insurance companies lost money, IV locals lost party pads, and these crumbling ocean-side properties on Del Playa Drive stood gloomily vacant all year.



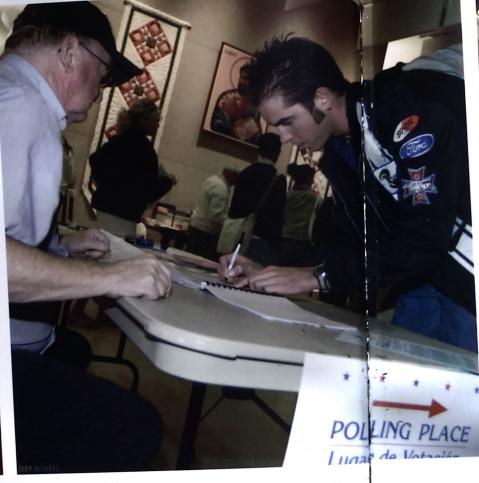
An evicted resident prepared to move out after her property was deemed unsafe to live in. The landlord looked on, distraught by the amount of income lost.

Houses on the 6700 block of DP were boarded up and fenced off after the residents were kicked out. They were forced to find new accommodations, leaving their cherished ocean views behind



CHOOSE











CAMPUS UNITES TO INFORM AND REGISTER STUDENT VOTERS

by MARINA | KARZAG

demonstrated an exceptional level of intensity and dedication in the effort to register voters for the November 2nd, 2004 presidential election. It would have been impossible to miss the election frenzy that swept campus this fall as students were bombarded with flyers, posters and a multitude of voter registration and information. Live public announcements were equally prevalent as volunteers, counting down the remaining hours to cast your ballot on Election Day, reminded students to vote.

In a politically polarized nation, e counted in this election, making it even m to increase voter registration. With the low turnout demographic, young voters have ally struggled to get their voice heard. To political science and philosophy major a dent of Campus Democrats. Marissa Bromented, "Politicians don't listen to us ware politically active. They ignore us unle vocal and the easiest way to do that is When faced with the reality of the direction that many of the major issues, such as the Iraq and tuition increases, will have had youth, students recognized the greater





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and organizations dedicated to increasing voter regon candiistration and informing the youth. Lazu stressed pnsored a the importance of taking advantage of certain in-

Anisg' Ovo Park, featuring the Beatnuts and other local groups. Junior art history and communicatative, tion major Alli Wilkins attended the concert and the impact of the war in Iraq and strong political Campus Greens in I.V. Theater. College Republithought it very beneficial. "You definitely felt the party divisions on eligible student voters. Dr. uth vot- presence of people trying to get other people to Hatem Bazian, lecturer of Near Eastern Studies vote," she said. Like many registered students. and ethnic studies at UC Berkeley, explained how Wilkins noticed the huge impact this election would the policies made now will affect the future of the have on the life of America's youth. youth, specifically noting the changes in the fed-Other events included ActiVote, which eral education and military budgets, Guest speaker staged a number of guest speakers, such as na-Jeff Chang, author of the forthcoming Can't Stop. tional field coordinator for the Young Voter Alli-Won't Stop: A History of the Hip-Hop Generation ance Malia Lazu, who is internationally recogdepicted the historical context of the election a roviding nized for her involvement in a multitude of projects

and minorities.

Procrastinating students were given a last chance the night before the election to familiarize themselves with each political party's na-

on today's youth, asserting that people are usuall,

unaware of the importance of propositions, re

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young voters. "The most important thing is to mo-state propositions during a voter education sesbilize people," she stated, "get them linked, hooked sion hosted by Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Inc. and active." The forum speakers also addressed Campus Democrats, College Republicans and the

stitutions, such as college campuses, to motivate tional and local candidates, as well as all sixteen — cans chair, history and business economics junior Antony Mascovich, noted, "There is not much focus on the propositions and you don't hear much about them." He also mentioned that the success of the events aimed at increasing student voter

and even ventured as far as passing them out during lectures. They also had voter registration tables set up in front of the University Center during the critical months before the registration deadline.

According to The Center for Information and Research on Civic Learning and Engagement, 1.8 million more people aged 18 to 24 voted in the election this year, which raised the youth voter turnout by 5.8 percentage points in comparison to the 2000 election. American voters under 30 years old increased by 4.6 million from the 2000 election. Forty-two percent of these were firsttime voters, which added to a 62% figure of firsttime voters nationwide. These numbers reflected the hard efforts of campus organizations in registering and informing students about the election. The organizational power ingrained in UCSB student activism bore all in the nation's effort to increase the youth's vote and political participation. As Chang said, this was the most important election of our generation to date.

YOUNG, LOUD AND PROUD

American icon, Sean "P. Diddy" Combs, sported a t-shirt that read "Vote or Die" during the critical campaigning months before the 2004 presidential election in an attempt to reach the voting youth of America.

MTV issued a challenge to the youth of America "the most important election in our generation." to be "20 Million Loud in 2004," Loud and proud, over 21 He spoke on the social impacts of the propositions million voters between the ages of 18 and 30 took that challenge to the polling stations on November 2nd, securing the title of the loudest group of young voters since

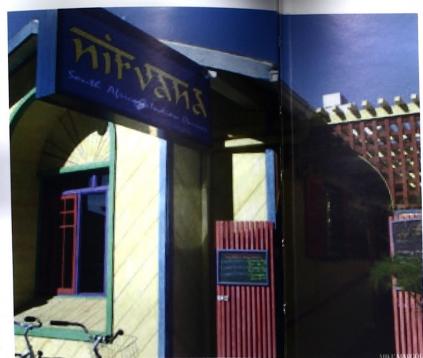
1992. MTV's "Choose or Lose" movement also offered a number of voter—from the 42.3% that voted in the 2000 election. resources as well as continuous celebrity support. Alli Wilkins, a junior art history and communication major, had high hopes for the media's effort to enthusiasm during the campaigning months proved effective in bringing ncrease the youth vote; "I think with all the MTV advertising, we will have a increased numbers of young voters to the polls on Election Day.



lot more people voting this year."

But just how important was the youth vote in this year's election? According to the Center of Information and Research on Civic Learning and Engagement. voters under 30 years old favored John Kerry to President Bush 54% to 45%. With the highest national voter turnout rate ever in the 2004 election. Bush won the popular vote 51% to 48%. Even though only 51.6% of people under 30 voted, this was a significant increase

This constant coverage of politically active pop icons and election



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enjoys a Frappuccino cks, one of their more ks. Every coffeehouse different atmosphere cent coffee specialities.



Contrasting Cravings by LAUREN | YOUNG

HERE DID THE BOLD AND BEAUTIFUL INHABITING THE STREETS OF Isla Vista go when it was time to refuel? Most turned to the Embarcadero Loop, the lively center of IV, which hosted a myriad of ever changing restaurants and eateries that could satisfy the munchies of any taste. Whether one was in the mood for the health conscious cuisine of Silvergreens or a burrito requiring a two-handed grip, anything could be found within

Most were familiar with the staple foods of IV found in such places as Freebirds, so popular that often times the line was forced to move outside; a testament



this one convenient location.

I go to Freebirds three or four times a week.



to the Isla Vistian deep seeded love of Freebirds. "I go to Freebirds three or four times a week," remarked junior aquatic biology major Kara Matthews, "they have bomb nachos which are especially delicious in the morning." Regardless of how long the line, cold the temperature, or late the hour, nothing could deter a conditioned UC Santa Barbara stomach from the constant beckoning of the bird.

For those looking for something off the beaten path. Nirvana had the answer. The family owned restaurant began serving South African and Indian cuisine in the old Hempwise location early this past summer. Those adventurous enough to pass up the aroma of the popular new Super Cucas or the legendary Bagel Cafe just down the street, could dine on coconut chicken and Indian rice pudding for surprisingly reasonable prices. "Nirvana is the best damn place I've eaten in IV," remarked junior global studies major Brittney Jacobs. Many patrons of Nirvana cited the unique atmosphere of the restaurant as one of its perks. "Maybe it's because it's a family owned restaurant, but I really feel welcome there," Jacobs added.

With the number of eateries available to students, most had no problem keeping their bellies full. Cravings of any type and at any hour could always be met with a quick trip to the Embarcadero Loop. The only difficulty in having so many options was trying to decide which place to go.



A UCSB student walked towards the UCEN after purchasing a bouquet from Campus Flowers. She took advantage of the stand's convenient location and purchased flowers for her roommate.

Eric Hansen rides his bike, which also served as an advertisement for Campus Flowers. Easily recognizable, he was always a friendly face to be seen in front of the UCEN,



The Father of Flowers

ov JENNY | GOLDSMITH

N ANY GIVEN WEEKDAY, IF A FRIEND NEEDED HELP CHEERING UP, UC Santa Barbara could always count on Campus Flowers for ideas. Located next to the University Center, and owned by Eric Hansen, the flower shop always had the latest top ten reasons why beautiful flowers brighten everyone's day.

La Cumbre: What is the history of Campus Flowers? Eric: It was originally called 'Earth, Wind, and Flowers' until the previous owner contracted cancer and could no longer operate the business.

La Cumbre: How did you become involved with Campus Flowers?

Eric: The shop was about to close so I salvaged it with the help of my uncle as a career opportunity that would provide the campus with a much needed community service.

La Cumbre: Is this job important to you or is it simply work?

Eric: Frelet to it as a TEORK: that is play and work. It's enjoyable and has financial rewards too. The only drawback is that I'm not getting ahead in my career like everyone else in Santa Barbaca, but Flike what I do.

La Cumbre: What do you feel you offer the students at LCSE? Eric: Opportunities to increase random moments of happiness and occasional hormonal secretions!

La Cumbre: Who creates the top ten lists?

Eric: I get advice from fellow students and staff. I also do some random 'googling'.

La Cumbre: What is your favorite type of flower?

Eric: It varies everyday. Overall I would have to say the yellow rose because it is a symbol of friendship. I also like the state flower for Texas because it keeps the current administration happy.

Whether to help students bring a smile to a friend's face, or get lucky on their next date. Eric Hansen at Campus Flowers was always there with a smile on his face.







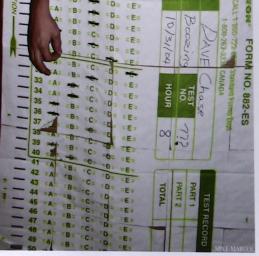
ATRADITION

by MIKE MARGOL

were carefully chosen or created: massive quantities of in full effect. alcohol were stored up. A few weekend, scattered carloads of students from other colleges began trickling into Isla Vista, planning to crash at friends' houses. By Thursday, the anticipation had grown larger, with students from both UC Santa Barbara and Santa Barbara City College cutting classes as an early celebration. By Friday morning, those studious few still showing up to

S USUAL. IT STARTED OUT — class were so anxious to leave academia small. Plans were made—that some showed up in costume, a full tw weeks in advance; outfits half days before Halloween itself. By Frida the annual carnage of Halloween in Isla Vi

Not surprisingly, Maxim Magazine days before the Halloween - the three-day celebration as the number loween party in the entire country in its issue. Of course, they cited the riots of justification for the claim, but winning is: ning, right? Undeclared junior Dan Wi marked, "I don't remember much of wh pened on Halloween, except that it was lik between Woodstock and Altamont." A c



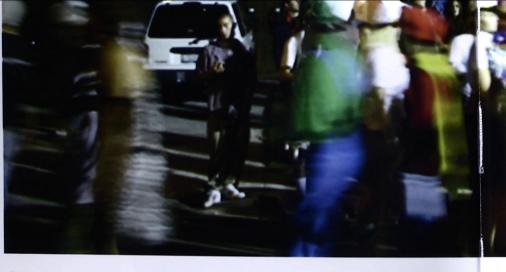
tween two massive outdoor concerts that were pirates, cops, and nurses to angels, vampires, and ness of a side street marked by nudity, sex, and alcohol? Sounds about fire fighters. right. This year was a far cry from the 40,000strong crowd of rioters that '92 saw, with only about 22,000 in attendance, but it still had its hi-

nightstand who waded through the crowd yelling. swarms of costumes. "Ladies! Who's looking for a one night stand?" There were four girls dressed as a much prettier version one Del Playa house, accompanied by a male nurse. wigs. Other notable outfits included the Human stranger than a fire in a front yard was the collec-

hol-fueled antics.

I WOULD COMPARE OUT-OF-TOWNERS WITH A SWARM OF LOGUSTS...THEY'RE FUN-LOVING LOCUSTS, BUT LOCUSTS NONETHELESS.

naturally, various scantily-clad girls ranging from whom were dancing around a barbecue in the dark-





Scantron (who had appropriately filled in his sub-

Things like the above made this Hallow-Scarily enough, there were also scantily-een memorable, despite attempts by the univerclad guys running around. "If you want to be popusity and police to control almost every aspect of lar with the ladies, wear a tutu on DP!" exclaimed—the weekend. The Isla Vista Foot Patrol, combining larious assortment of action, costumes, and alcosenior environmental studies major Tyler forces with the Santa Barbara County Sherriff's Durchslag-Richardson. But men wearing tutus — Department, California Highway Patrol, and as-There was the guy dressed up as a were hardly the strangest thing seen amidst the sorted officers from other LC campuses, pulled no punches in its attempt to crack down hard on A bonfire was seen on the front lawn of - just about everything. Officials took a much tougher of KISS, complete with rock star makeup and black—a chef, and a disco dancer from the 70's. Even—dents to drive onto DP or Sabado after seven. Not stance on parking this year, not even allowing resieveryone was pleased with how the IVFP handled things, "My toy gun got taken away by the police and then they threw it away before I got a chance to pick it up," said senior religious studies major Nina Jensen. Other items confiscated included hobby horses, wooden staffs, and plastic swords.

After the last beer was downed, the last ject area with the word "Boozing"), a duo consistRastafarian, Bill Clinton, and a Mexican mariachi lost in the mayhem, the total number of arrests for ing of a giant silver keg man and Cat Stevens, and band member playing an actual trumpet, all of the three day period stood at 348 and citations topped even that number, with 393 handed out. To

largest part, claiming 93 percent of the citations—time as the Well-Dressed Vampire, weighed in with—from the ocean. Whatever opinion students may and roughly three-fourths of all arrests related to his opinion of the outsiders. "I would compare outhave had of this year's party, the only sure thing public intoxication.

Senior political science major and pub-

of-towners to a swarm of locusts. For the most was that they will all be out there again next year. part they're fun-loving locusts, but they're locusts. There is, after all, a reputation to uphold.

ent and extra rules, everyone still managed to have a good time. The media even got involved, with camera crews from one or two local news stations making the rounds. "My favorite Halloween event this year was being interviewed on the news outside of IV Market buying a thirty pack," expressed junior Spanish and global studies major Molly Keane. "I think the broadcaster wanted to question me because first, I'm small and don't look eighteen, let alone twenty one, and second, thirty beers at eleven in the morning? They probably figured I had a drinking problem!"

All told, this Halloween still went down as continuing the trend of madness in Isla Vista: plenty of arrests, oddly dressed people and copino one's surprise, visitors once again made up the lisher of knock Magazine Drew Atkins, in cosous amounts of alcohol, all presented mere meters

THE CRAZINESS CONTINUES

COMPILED BY MIKE MARGOL

"I got kicked out of three bars downtown!" Molly Keane, junior, global studies and Spanish

"On Friday, a car was driving down DP and wouldn't stop when the police got in front of it. The people got out. ran through the streets, and then the cops tackled and arrested one guy on our front lawn." Amber Albrecht, junior, law and society



"The funniest thing I saw was the Ambiguously Gay Duo. They were riding each other." Jeremy Lee, junior, sociology

"I don't know why girls think it's okay to wear so little in public. It's like a cry for attention. Plus, weren't they freezing?" Lauren McClain, freshman, law and society

Won't You Be My Neighbor? by JENNY | GOLDSMITH O

HE HOMELESS THAT CONGREGATED AROUND "BUM PARK," THE MARKETS. and S.O.S. liquor store became part of the culture in the small community of Isla Vista. Students often dropped change in their direction, not realizing that without their contribution, the homeless would probably not be able to survive. George Nelson, a longtime resident of IV, claimed, "The kids here don't know what they're missing out on." He spent his days pushing around a shopping cart, rummaging through dumpsters, recycling trash, and drinking heavily. "The students here keep me alive. Without them, I couldn't buy food, alcohol, or tobacco. They support me and I help them by recycling their beer cans," Nelson continued.

"I've seen some heated shit go down over recycling."

Friend and fellow homeless of Nelson, **Frank LaRoque**, agreed that Isla Vista was the place to be without a home, and that the students were important to his survival. Personally, LaRoque preferred not to panhandle the residents like many of the homeless in IV did. Rather, he spent most of his time trying to make his money from recycling. "The recycling business can be big time competitive. Some respect each other's territory, but I've seen some heated shit go down over recycling," LaRoque admitted.

LaRoque traveled around quite a bit before settling down in IV less than a year ago. He was born and raised in Montana and left after his mother died because he felt there was nothing left there for him. He packed his bags and hitchhiked to the west, stopping in Idaho and Washington before making his way to California. Nelson, like LaRoque, traveled for years before coming to IV. After dropping out of the United States Air force and holding random jobs, Nelson began roaming the streets nearly ten years ago, three of which he spent in IV. Over the past three years, the only changes Nelson noticed in IV were that the "cops got worse", and there was a decline in the number of places to drink.

Nelson and LaRoque developed a unique friendship with each other and the other homeless in Isla Vista. "It's a camaraderie." LaRoque expressed. "if you get hurt, someone will be there to help. If you're too drunk, someone will walk you home."



Pirate attended a party at a student's house. Bums not only recycled the cans from the parties, but were often invited to celebrate with students on the weekend.

A homeless man rides his bike in IV.
The students and burns developed an interdependent relationship and many knew each other by name.



Family Feud

by MARINA | KARZAG

HREE THOUSAND DOLLARS! THAT WAS MORE THAN IT COST A CALIFORNIA resident to attend one quarter at UC Santa Barbara and yet equal to the amount **Aaron Small**, a fourth year global studies major, was ticketed for distributing alcohol to a minor this year. Most college students believed this to be excessive, but the deputy sheriff of Isla Vista Foot Patrol, **Mike Scherbarth**, confirmed it to be the maximum amount officers were allowed to ticket any person furnishing alcohol to a minor.

Small, like many student residents of Isla Vista, did not disagree with the idea behind the law, but was rather concerned with the application of it in his particular

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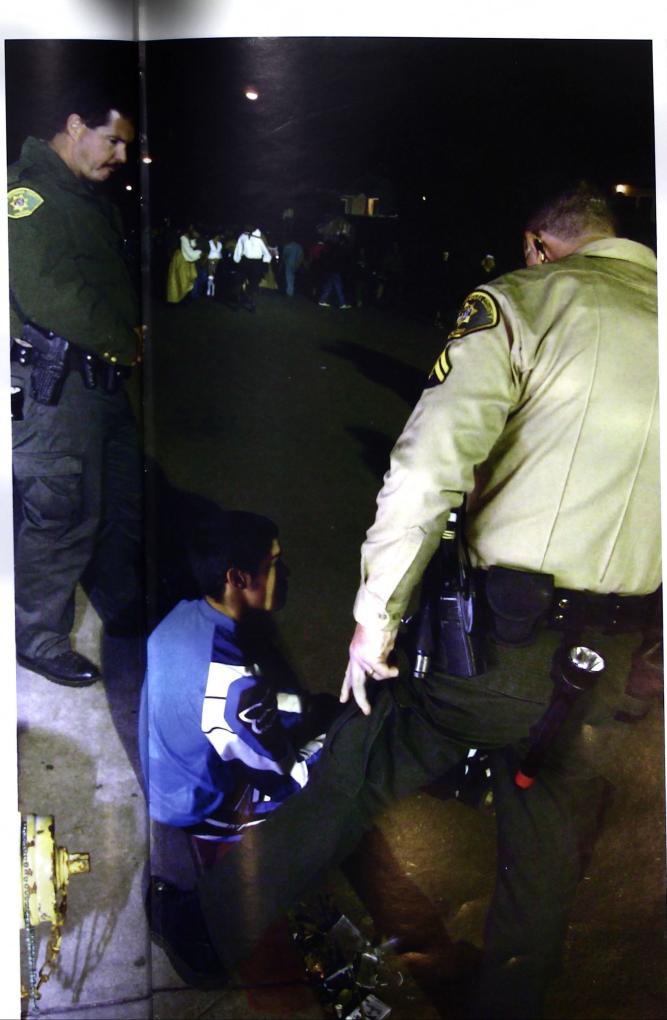
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pack" party and did not think it worthy of re

situation. He described it as a "kickback" party and did not think it worthy of receiving such a substantial fine. "I don't feel that the IVFP, in this instance and other instances, was very selective. They're not choosing their battles," critiqued Small. Deputy Sheriff Scherbarth assured the IVFP is always looking out for the safety of the community and its residential properties. To stress the importance of good communication between the IVFP and the community, the sheriff explained their door was always open and people were welcome to come in and ask questions whenever they wanted.

The fines were instated as part of the IVFP's \$150,000 sponsored "Fall Offensive," launched at the beginning of the school year. It attempted to reduce crime and increase public safety by concentrating more on alcohol-related issues and targeting the sources of alcohol distributed to minors. Deputy Sheriff Scherbarth explained his duty to the community and to the law, "I'm entrusted to enforce these laws… someone has to do the job. Hove IV. There are those that hate us and those that like us. I learn from them and they learn from me."

With a 50% drop in the number of alcohol-related violent crimes from last year, the positive side of these increased alcohol regulations could not be denied. While students and community members continued to disagree about the severity of alcohol-related issues at UCSB, understandings between the student residents of IV and the IVFP remained cloudy. The streets of Isla Vista, however, would not have been the same without one or the other.





A member of the IVFP watched over the crowds on DP. Each weekend they stood on the sidelines to ensure student's safety and to keep the crowds under control.

Two cops talked with a partier on the sidewalk. In response to IVFP's "Fall Offensive." A.S. launched a "Fall Defensive." in order to protect student's rights.



In addition to their normal meals, students could also be found in the dining commons for a "late night snack." Those that lived in the residence halls were thrilled to be the first class to enjoy the new perks.

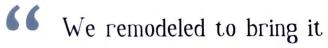
The renovated dining commons opened this year to unexpected crowds. Part of the attraction was the variety of foods as well as the new layout.



Dining at the DLG

by DAVID | LANDES

ELL I WAS EATING LUNCH AT THE D.L.G. WHEN THIS LITTLE GIRL came and she sat next to me," music superstar and UCSB alumni Jack Johnson reminisces in his song "Bubble Toes." The De La Guerra Dining Commons has been a long-loved bastion for dietary refuge and a brimming hub of social potential. After serving millions of meals to students, much of it had remained unchanged since it originally opened in the 1960s. Four decades later,



into the 21st century.

DLG underwent drastic renovation: 2 years of construction and 12.5 million dollars of funding. August of 2004 marked the completion of DLG's transformation from dated dining commons to the likes of ravishing restaurant.

"We remodeled to bring it into the 21st century." said DLG General Manager Pam Rodgers. The key change was DLG's platform based layout, where separate serving stations feature different foods. This reduced lines and offered more flexibility for cooks and students. The second major change was DLG's open kitchen design where the food was cooked right in front of the students as they pick up their food. Freshman psychology major Tracy Woodward liked the consistency of variety. "I can always get a good pizza or burrito," she said, no matter what other items were served. The new DLG also offered an outdoor eating area, where students could enjoy the view.

The DLG served 3500 people a day this year, more than any of the other four dining commons. It took a 250 person workforce to run, 190 of which were student employees. It was open for late night meals every school night from 9-11, served horchata everyday, had six different kinds of seating, made nearly all food on site and had *fresh* produce... Jack Johnson and fourth years would hardly recognize it!

"I think they did a kick ass job," boasted Rodgers. "I am pretty proud of it - it's a way cool place." But most special of all. "We want students to feel as if it is part of their home." A sense of comfort did underlie DLG's robust redesign. Its sectionalized layout made for a more private dining environment, while its modernized look and new food options made it *the* place to eat and *the* place to be for campus residents.

Living Legend

ELLING OUT THE 4,000 PEOPLE MAXIMUM CAPACITY THUNDERDOME. IT is safe to say people knew Bob Dylan would be a hit. Diana Sainer, a senior sociology major, reacted to the concert with enthusiasm, "Although Bob Dylan's voice has faded dramatically, it is unique and one of the most recognizable voices in modern music, he still proved himself to be a talented musician, along with his band."

Despite students' excitement at seeing a legend in concert, many were surprised by the music Dylan chose to play. While he performed a few past hits, the concert was heavily weighted toward his newest CD, "Love and Theft." Sainer offered,

One of the most recognizable voices in modern music.

"I expected Bob to play more of his old songs, as that is the main reason why I went to the concert in the first place." Many of the students who attended the concert seemed to agree with Sainer's criticism. She continued, "I am not as familiar with Bob's more recent albums, which is completely my fault."

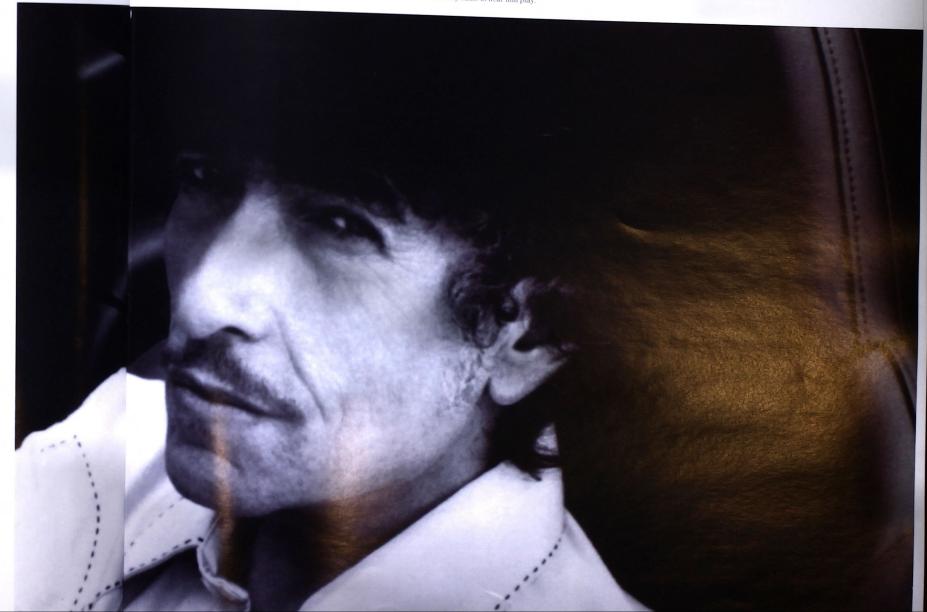
Another interesting aspect of the Dylan concert was the unusually subdued crowd. As a result, an incredibly small number of arrests were made, especially for a show of its size. Six people were arrested, five of which were formally charged and brought to the Santa Barbara County Jail. Surprisingly, only one of the arrested was a UCSB student.

Associated Students Program Board was responsible for putting on the concert. Kelly Brennan Kleyn. a senior dramatic arts major and Events Coordinator for Associated Students, expressed delight at having such a big name play at UC Santa Barbara. "It's really cool because he's a legend," she offered, "and it's an honor to get someone of Bob Dylan's stature here." A.S. Program Board worked hard to get Bob Dylan to UCSB for both his student and adult fans. Kleyn especially was pleased with the sold-out performance. She concluded, "I just hope that students and the general public enjoyed it and had a great time." Based on the general consensus, it is safe to say Kleyn's hopes were confirmed.



Students waited in line before the show. Some arrived as early as three hours prior to the concert in order to guarantee themselves a good spot in the Events Center.

Bob Dylan was easily the highlight of the performers that visited UCSB.as students and members of the community came to hear him play.



Drinkers Wanted

by MARIA | HARUTYUNYAN

EEK AFTER WEEK, MONTH AFTER MONTH AND YEAR AFTER YEAR, the party scene at UC Santa Barbara was what always distinguished its social scene from that of any other university. Though a quiet place in Isla Vista was always hard to find, it was virtually impossible to do so on the weekends.

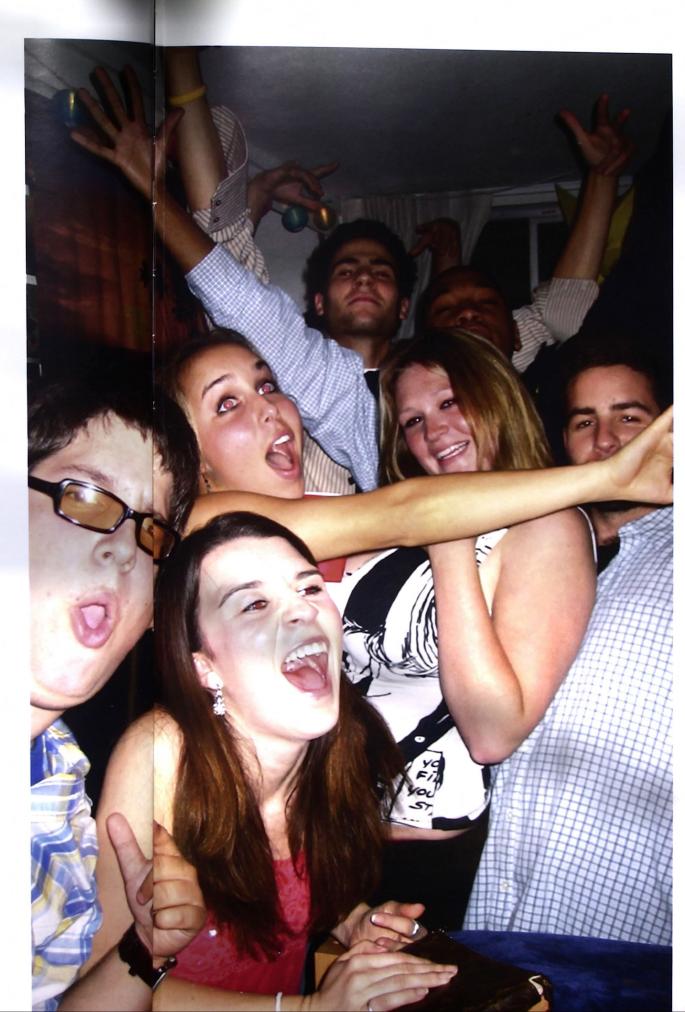
Thursday nights were often a popular time for friends to gather and have smaller get-togethers or go downtown to the bars. It was the countless Friday and Saturday night parties, though, that students could always count on for a good time . More often than not, alcohol was abundant at any party one chose to attend, though the

You drink to enjoy yourself and loosen up.

never-ending lines surrounding the kegs often hindered those wishing to get a quick buzz. "You drink to enjoy yourself and loosen up" offered freshman history major Joe Cole "not to blackout or throw up." Unfortunately for many partygoers, this was a consequence of too much drinking. The real troopers though, were back on their feet and out on the scene the next night.

It was always easy to spot the freshmen at an IV party; they had the group of a dozen drunk people trying to keep their very emotional friend under control. Sophomores and juniors usually cruised Del Playa in smaller numbers or had parties at their own houses and apartments. By the time students turned 21, however, they rarely stumbled into the random IV party. "Now that I'm a senior, I like going downtown," offered **Rocio Torres**, a senior Spanish and dramatic arts major. "It's different from IV because everyone is your age, there's dancing and you don't have to worry about the cops."

Along with the parties came the dozens of new people one met every week "The people I meet are random," joked junior Film Studies major Moiz Ali. "but some of them give the best advice." Although most students did not want it to happen, eventually the weekend ended and school began. Armando Gomes, a sophomore business economic major and frequent partygoer smiled and groaned, "Time to nurse my hangover!"





After a long night of partying, this student might be ready to go home. House parties provided an opportunity for students to celebrate for any reason imaginable.

Students party in a dorm room at Tropicana Gardens. Most freshmen were restricted to their dorms or the streets of Isla Vista.

Best in Surf

by LAUREN | YOUNG

T'S NO WONDER UC SANTA BARBARA STUDENTS HAVE EARNED A REPUTATION for being spoiled. With a campus boasting over one hundred feet of coastline set against a backdrop of the Santa Ynez Mountains, most students would admit that the location was the best part of going to school at UCSB.

Campus Point, on the southeast end of campus, was an obvious favorite among surf enthusiasts who often opted to study the right wave break rather than applied analytical reasoning. "Campus Point has pretty mellow waves which make it a great place to learn how to surf," said junior aquatic biology major and surf instructor Sara Wampoled. "Sometimes it's crowded and there's the whole tar problem, but

...which make it a great place to learn how to surf.

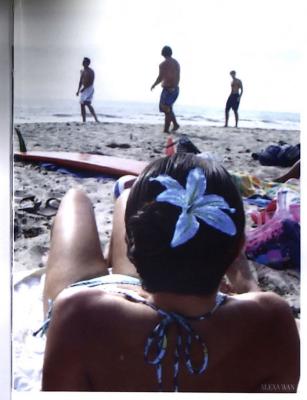
overall it's a great beach," she continued to comment.

Another local favorite was Arroyo Burro, also known as Hendry's. This secluded beach west of Las Positas offered visitors calm waves and California cookery at the beachside restaurant, The Brown Pelican.

UCSB students were not the only ones enjoying the scenery of Santa Barbara's coast. Leadbetter Beach, situated at the base of Santa Barbara City College, was one of the busiest beaches this year. "I like this area because it's a mix up of town and beach," said second year SBCC student. **Katrina Borgman-Brouwer**. As the only west facing beach in Santa Barbara, Butterfly Beach was *the* place to catch a sunset. This quiet Montecito beach offered an escape from other, more populated locations.

Those seeking a real surfer's treat traveled south to Rincon Beach, where some of the most famous waves on the west coast reside. "You can catch the perfect wave at Rincon but in the summer there are no waves," said avid surfer Morgan Roberts. If one was able to bear the cold water, seaweed and occasional nudist, they could surf the incredible right wave break that Rincon was famous for.

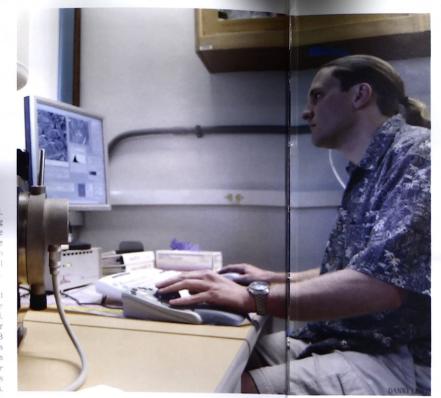
Clearly, there was no shortage of beaches for UCSB students to choose from and plenty to do once they got there. The true surf fanatics and sunbathing locals knew the perfect time and place to catch the best wave and stretch of sand.



The beach proved to be a great place to unwind. Students flocked to Campus Point on a sunny day and scores of surfers hit the break when a swell came in.

UCSB's location can easily be noted as a perk for students. They were often spotted taking advantage of the location, whether it was studying the marine life or viewing a sunset.





Marine science graduate student,
James Weaver used the scanning
electron microscope to investigate
the skeletal system of a marine
sponge. This research was used to
advance synthesis strategies of novel
fracture-resistant materials

ICB Director Dan Morse and Associate Director Frank Doyle display an abalone shell, acknowledging it as essential to their research. Researchers in the ICB developed revolutionary new routes to semiconductor nanofabrication based on their studies of the molecular mechanisms nature uses to make abalone shells.



Supporting Science

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HE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, SANTA BARBARA CONTINUED TO BE A leader in cutting edge research and studies, leading a national research group in the new frontier of biotechnology. UCSB was selected from a highly competitive pool of participants to head research in the field of biotechnologies, forming a third of the Institute for Collaborative Biotechnologies (ICB). The Army Research Office awarded \$50 million to a partnership between UCSB, the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and the California Institute of Technology to start up ICB. ICB was a research institution created to help in the Army's mission. The Army would take the basic research done by ICB and use it to further their private

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research goals. ICB would have the capabilities to study nature's secrets in a concentrated manner, which could save millions of lives, whether out in the field of combat, or domestically.

ICB's mission was to conduct concentrated but basic research in the fields of engineering and biotechnology. This was done in order to better understand nature's functions, because "anything an engineer can design is a thousand times less sensitive than what nature can do" said Dr. Frank Doyle, Associate Director of ICB at UCSB. This research was focused on the "development of revolutionary approaches to advanced sensors: electronic, optical and magnetic materials: information processing and network control systems to enhance the effectiveness of the Army" (Institute for Collaborative Biotechnologies pamphlet, 2). These studies helped the Army create products never before possible, which aided its mission to keep Americans safe both domestically and abroad. None of the tests done by ICB were classified or weapons research, just fundamental statistics, which were later used at the Army's discretion. Bringing together the departments of engineering and bimolecular sciences to work together on the project at hand, Doyle said, "ICB provides the resources that has brought together a number of people to work in collaboration, enriching research here at UCSB."